

Memorandum



Date: February 6, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(A)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Approving the Execution of an Infrastructure Protection Program Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the execution of an Infrastructure Protection Program (IPP) Grant Agreement on behalf of Miami-Dade County with the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) in the amount of \$833,196 to provide a sustainable, risk-based effort for the protection of critical transit infrastructure from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats, that would cause major disruptions to service. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the receipt and expenditure of funds in accordance with the IPP agreement. No local funds are required for this project.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) IPP is an important component of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the security of America's critical infrastructure. This program implements the objectives addressed in a series of laws, strategy documents, plans, and Homeland Security Presidential directives. The IPP identifies and assesses current and future threats to the nation's physical and informational infrastructure and issues timely warnings to prevent damage to the infrastructure that supports our community and economic life. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) reflects the intent of the Congress and the Administration to create a sustainable effort to ensure the protection of critical infrastructure from terrorism, particularly explosive and non-conventional threats, which would cause a major loss of life and result in severe disruption of routine daily services—including provision of public transportation.

A key element of the FY 2006 TSGP will be the requirement for transit agencies receiving these funds to become fully engaged in the development of regional security solutions to address critical needs in the states and urban areas they serve. This regional approach will ensure that the use of funds provided through this program is consistent with the overall security needs to the region and is fully accounted for in the regional planning process that forms the core of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. In contrast to prior years, funding for 2006 was not awarded automatically to specific regions. Instead, each region had to submit concept papers and compete for a limited amount of funding. The award to Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) was recognition of the system's critical security needs. Prior to this year, funds totaling \$3,359,592 had been provided to MDT since 2003 for surveillance monitoring and other security enhancements and for training of first responders.

As part of this grant program, MDT will receive \$833,196, to be used for closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) installation at eight (8) of its "key stations" at designated locations at the Metrorail Stations and Metrobus Terminals.

To meet the safety and security needs of the Metrorail system, MDT intends to utilize \$558,828 of this funding to install CCTVs at four (4) critical stations. The installation of CCTV with remote/wireless monitoring capabilities will reduce the high consequence risk at stations with large numbers of passengers and stations located within close proximity to the governmental buildings and critical infrastructure.

In addition to the rail system, \$274,368 will be used to install CCTVs at four (4) bus terminals. An assessment performed by the Office of Homeland Security for MDT identified several high use bus terminals as being vulnerable to threats from Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's) disguised as unattended packages. Additionally, event-activated CCTV monitoring was also identified in the assessment as a countermeasure to threats from unattended items left at bus terminals. The CCTV systems can assist in identifying suspicious activity when monitored in vulnerable areas and act as a great forensic tool for reconstructing events after they have occurred.

FISCAL IMPACT

The DHS Appropriations Act of 2005 will continue to provide fiscal support and oversight to the TSGP for the effective period of performance for this grant (through November 2008). The amount of Federal funds provided, \$833,196, represents the total estimated funding for the two projects included in this grant. No local funds are required for this project.



Assistant County Manager

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Date



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

02-06-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$833,196 IN FISCAL YEAR 2006 INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF CRITICAL TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AT BOTH METRORAIL STATIONS AND METROBUS TERMINALS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994, that the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirement thereunder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That this Board approves the execution of a grant agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Department of Homeland Security to provide federal funding in the amount of \$833,196 for Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) to provide a sustainable, risk-based effort for the protection of critical transit infrastructure from terrorism, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major disruptions to service.

Section 2. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may require in connection with the grant application for the project.

Section 3. That the County Manager is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprises policies in connection with the projects should such funds become available.

Section 4. That this Board further authorizes the County Manager or the Miami-Dade Transit Director to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office, to receive and expend funds in accordance with such aforementioned contracts and agreements, and to file and execute any additional agreements, revisions, or amendments as required to carry out the projects for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Bruce Libhaber

By: _____
Deputy Clerk